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¶1. Post delivered reftel demarche on Kosovo recognition to the MFA's Acting Director for External Relations, Elisa Da Silva, on September 14.

¶2. Ms. Da Silva confirmed that Kosovo had reached out to Timor-Leste for a meeting at UNGA. Political Officer urged that the Government of Timor-Leste take advantage of the opportunity to hear directly from the Kosovars themselves the importance of recognizing Kosovo's independence, drawing parallels to Timor-Leste's experience as a small country denied its independence aspirations. Da Silva expressed her concern that Timor-Leste would be drawn into a controversial issue that could adversely affect its interests. She believed, however, that Timor-Leste would make some sort of public comment on Kosovo either at the United Nations or another forum.

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